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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ANGOLA VERIFICATION MISSION

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 117 appears in paragraph 6 of the report of the Committee contained in document A/47/795.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item further at its 55th and 57th meetings, on 10 and 19 March 1993.

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

3. At the 57th meeting, on 19 March, the representative of Belgium, following informal consultations, made a statement regarding a decision to be taken by the Committee on the item (see A/C.5/47/SR.57).

4. In view of the changes in the operational plan of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the need by the Secretariat to revise the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (A/47/744), the Committee was not in a position to consider the report of the Secretary-General and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. In view of this, the Committee expressed its regrets that the normal procedure on the financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission had not been followed.

5. Also at its 57th meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, as an ad hoc measure in order to provide for the continued maintenance of the Mission, a commitment authorization in an amount not exceeding 3,500,000 United States dollars gross (3,400,000 dollars net) per month for the period from 1 March to 30 April 1993 be provided to the Secretary-General, subject to the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The amount decided upon by

the Advisory Committee should be assessed on Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in General Assembly resolution 47/224 A of 16 March 1993, to the extent that the Mission does not benefit from a sufficient unencumbered balance to fund this extension.

6. The Committee further recommended to the General Assembly that it request the Secretary-General to give prompt attention to the request contained in resolution 47/224 B of 16 March 1993, in which he was asked to undertake an urgent review of the current procedures for the planning of peace-keeping operations to enable the proper and timely launching of missions in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission

The General Assembly decides:

(a) To authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments up to the amount of 3,500,000 United States dollars gross (3,400,000 dollars net) for the period 1 March to 30 April 1993, subject to the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. As an ad hoc arrangement, the amount decided upon by the Advisory Committee shall be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in General Assembly resolution 47/224 A of 16 March 1993;

(b) To request the Secretary-General to give prompt attention to the request contained in its resolution 47/224 B of 16 March 1993.